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December 3, 1975

The Honorable Robert L. Stark  
Secretary of State  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Stark:

In your letter to this office of November 20, 1975, you request our opinion as to your interpretation of RSA 55:5-a which you believe requires that each voter's address must appear on the checklist as well as on a registration card. It is our understanding that on the basis of your interpretation, you have instructed the supervisors of the checklist to include this information on their checklists, thereby imposing a heavy burden in terms of time and expense.

After a consideration of RSA 55:5-a, it is our opinion that the statute does not require that the address of each voter appear on the checklist along with the voter's name. RSA 55:5-a provides that certain information is to be maintained by the supervisors of the checklist. However, there is no requirement that this information appear on the checklist so long as it is gathered, updated and maintained and made available for inspection. As your rules require the use of registration cards which contain the necessary information, you have provided a means for the collection of the mandated facts and we can see no statutory requirement that the addresses of voters appear on the checklists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren B. Rudman". Below the signature, the name "Warren B. Rudman" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font, followed by "Attorney General".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Rath". Below the signature, the name "Thomas D. Rath" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font, followed by "Assistant Attorney General".

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